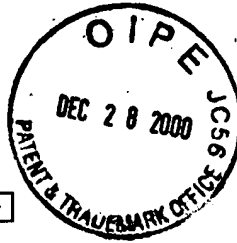


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	Application Number	09 / 660,824
	Filing Date	September 13, 2000
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A Mechanism to Survive Server Failures When Using The CIFS Protocol

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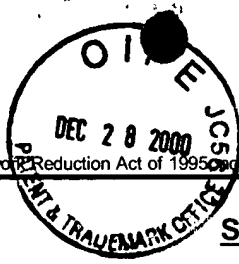
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Name of Sole or First Inventor: Alan L. Rowe A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor

Given Name (first and middle (if any))	Family Name or Surname
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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)

Applicant/Patent Owner: Alan ROWE

Application No./Patent No.: 09/660,824 Filed/Issue Date: September 13, 2000

Entitled: Mechanism to Survive Server Failures When Using The CIFS Protocol

Network Appliance, Inc., a Corporation

(Name of Assignee)

(Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

states that it is:

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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to sign this statement on behalf of the assignee.

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WHEREAS, I, Alan Rowe, a citizen of United Kingdom, residing at 644 Curie Court, San Jose, California 95123, have invented a "Mechanism to Survive Server Failures When Using The CIFS Protocol" for which I have executed application papers for a U.S. patent thereon, which was filed on September 13, 2000, Serial No. 09/660,824; and

WHEREAS, Network Appliance, Inc. a California corporation, having a place of business at 495 East Java Drive, Sunnyvale, CA 94089 is desirous of acquiring the exclusive right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to the Letters Patent to be granted and issued therefor in the United States of America and its territories and possessions, and in all countries foreign thereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, for a valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, Alan Rowe, do sell, assign, transfer and set over unto the said Network Appliance, Inc., its successors and assigns, the full and exclusive right, title and interest in and to said invention, and in and to any and all letters patent to be granted and issued therefor, not only for, to and in the United States of America, its territories and possessions, but also for, to and in all other countries including all priority rights under the International Convention; and we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent to said Network Appliance, Inc., its successors and assigns, in accordance with this Assignment.

WITNESS OUR HAND at _____, 2000.

Sunnyvale CA

this 27 day of

October

Alan Rowe

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